

**SUMMARY REPORT  
FEBRUARY 5, 2009, SPECIAL WORK SESSION**

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This summary is a statement of discussions engaged in by the Cottonwood City Council and the Verde Valley Fire District Board at a special work session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D), and is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D.).

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Joens, Mayor  
Karen Pfeifer, Vice Mayor  
Tim Elinski, Council Member  
Duane Kirby, Council Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

James Chapman, Council Member  
Linda Norman, Council Member  
Terence Pratt, Council Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Bartosh, City Manager  
Kyla Allen, Administrative Assistant  
Mike Casson, Fire Chief  
Richard Smith, Deputy Clerk

VERDE VALLEY FIRE BOARD  
MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Robertson, Chairman  
Dick Dobbin, Clerk  
Robert Eddingfield, Member  
Ken Bishop, Member  
Gerald Shanks, Member

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING FUTURE COORDINATION AND  
POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF FIRE SERVICES (COTTONWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT & VERDE  
VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT)

The Council and the Fire Board discussed continuing coordination of services, which both parties agreed as desirable. Also discussed was the possibility and desirability of conducting a study to determine whether consolidating the Cottonwood Fire Department and the Verde Valley Fire District was feasible and cost effective. It was agreed that both parties would meet again in approximately six months to discuss the viability of a business case study.

ADJOURNMENT

The special work session adjourned at 7:45 p.m.